Amount spent on the repairs of Puri Temple

1905. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Jagannath Temple of Puri is gradually decaying;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for the second time a huge stone from the roof of the temple had given way;

(c) whether Government have made any survey of this famous temple, if so, the details thereof;

(d) how much amout Government have spent on the restoration/repairs of the temple so far; and

(e) what steps Government are taking to fully protect the temple ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Decay is a natural process, in Lord Jagannath Temple signs of decay have been noticed at some places.

(b) Yes Sir. A part of a stone corbel had fallen a few months before inside the garbha griha.

(c) The Government of India has already constituted an expert commitee to suggest the conservation measures necessary to be taken in regard to the temple; besides, recently a Task Force to monitor and undertake the repairs to the Garbha Griha of Loard Jagannath Temple, Puri, has also been set up.

(d) An amount of Rs. 47.47,997.00 has been spent for the conservation and preservation of the temple so far.

(e) Steps taken for the proper conservation of the Jagannath Temple Puri are :

(i) Removal of accretionary plaster from the surface of the main temple for exposing the sculptured surface as well as cracks, if any.

(ii) Replacement of the cvracked/damaged stone member with new ones and consolidation of the structure.

(iii) Replacement of corroded iron clamps/dowels with noncorrosive ones.

(iv) Grouting of cracks/fissures on the structure with expoxy resin.

(v) Chemical treatment and preservation of the exposed surface.

Review of Delhi School Education Act, 1973

1906. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether with mushrooming of private schools which are imparting sub-standard education and going beyond the reach of common man, Government are considering the desirability of reviewing its role and powers with regard to the school education vested in the Delhi School Education Act, 1973; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps contemplated by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Delhi Administration has a proposal for amending Delhi School Education Act, 1973 for making it compulsory for each private school to be registered.

More Investment on Education

1907. SHRI P. UPENDRA :

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

SRIMATI MIRA DAS :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that state Universities and colleges are not eligible for grants from U.G.C.;